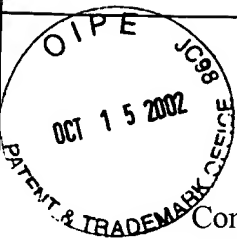


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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Second Preliminary Amendment and Request for Interference Submitted to Provoke an Interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,303,365 B1;
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